

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 19. Please amend Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 13-16 and 18. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) An exercise apparatus comprising ~~which, when the apparatus is assembled, allows an individual using said apparatus to apply a force against a part of the apparatus that remains static during the application of said force, characterised in that the apparatus comprises~~ a series of elongate sections, said sections being releasably connectable to one another by way of connecting joints which allow for the sections to be connected to one another and to be positioned in various orientations relative to one another as required by an ~~[[the]]~~ individual using the apparatus, so allowing said individual to perform exercises as required, the apparatus when assembled allows said individual to apply a force against a part of the apparatus that remains static during the application of the force.
2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, ~~wherein said further comprising~~ releasable means ~~involves comprising~~ screw mechanisms or quick release catches associated with said joints.
3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein said elongate sections are joined end to end via a removable insert.
4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~any preceding claim;~~ claim 1 wherein said elongate sections are releasably fastened to one another.
5. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising an upright section, supported by a base section wherein the upright is releasably secured to at least one arm section extending substantially at right angles to the axis of the upright, said arm, when secured in position, providing a surface against which an individual using the apparatus can push.

6. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said upright is supported by a joint, allowing for rotation of the upright about its vertical axis.
7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one section of the apparatus can be orientated relative to a first section such that a new exercise can be carried out as defined by [[the]] new relative positioning of the elongate sections by a collar fastening means.
8. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said collar fastening means is arranged and configured to slide over an elongate section, said collar including locking means to removably retain the collar portion at a desired position on said elongate section.
9. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said locking means comprises at least one grub screw.
10. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said locking means comprises at least one connecting pin, said pin locatable within apertures on said elongate section.
11. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said connecting pins are movable against a resilient biasing means.
12. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an elongate section of the apparatus comprises at least two telescoping parts.
13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein said connecting joints comprise at least one disc, arranged and configured to be removably attached adjacent the longitudinal length of the elongate section, said disc containing a plurality of apertures such that a second elongate section may be removably connected to the disc.

14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 in which the apparatus is supported on a supporting stand.
15. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1 to 13;~~ claim 1 further comprising means to secure said apparatus to a supporting structure.
16. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~any preceding claim;~~ claim 1 further comprising a disc rotationally mounted on said elongate section enabling a rotational exercise to be performed.
17. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 16, wherein electricity is passed through the disc, and opposing permanent magnets are mounted adjacent opposing faces of the disc causing resistance to rotation.
18. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~any preceding claim;~~ claim 1 further comprising a strain gauge incorporated within said apparatus to monitor the effort that a person is exerting against a proportion of the apparatus.
19. (Canceled)